

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meetings on Monday, December 15, 2008, and Tuesday, December 23, 2008, a motion was made by Council member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Item number two of the agenda is deleted. Ordinance 2009-01 covers everything to repeal Ordinance 2004-02 and amend Salary Ordinance 2008-13.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that the Holidays went well. The rifles are in that were ordered, and the ammunition should be here in the next few weeks. The department will need to be certified in order to use them. The police department needs a new generator. Chief Blount is working on quotes for a new one. He has changed shift times for his department and everything seems to be working out well.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that Walmart called and invited him out this Friday morning to receive a donation check for \$5000.00. This is part of their VAP program (Volunteerism Always Pays). All the Christmas decorations will be taken down by Wednesday. They are cleaning up on First Street from the ice storm damage. He has concern for the piers at Bluewater when it rains. He is working on a grant that is due next Wednesday.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that his department survived the ice storm. They had to pump lift stations that did not have power most of the day and part of the night. The plant standby generator worked fine. Joe talked to Kraybill farms Farm Rep this morning and initiated talks about an easement for the National Homes Sewer project. They are in the process of working on First Street to extend sewer for the Skate Park. This is a requirement by the subdivision ordinance.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that the ice storm is when they had to use their generator for the first time. It uses 44 gallons of fuel an hour. It ran for at least 14 hours. His department does the semi-annual maintenance on the generator. It has to be certified. It has a 1200 gallon tank and uses diesel fuel. They had to tear up the curb on North Main Street due to a broken water main. They have had four in the last few weeks. This

is typical for this time of year. The Rickey intersection was started today. The road will be closed for the next 4 to 6 weeks. INDOT is holding on the deadline for April 23rd.

Ordinance 2009-01: Amendent to Salary Ordinance 2008-13

Mayor Thompson stated that he had a meeting with Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, City Attorney George Loy and Mr. Kent Irwin, Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele, to update the City's policy book. There was a discussion on exempt, non-exempt, salary, and hourly employees. George stated that the council amended the salary ordinance in 2004. This provided emergency pay compensation to the six department heads. This consisted of a time and a half calculation for emergency callouts when no one else is available. This does cause potential problems when it comes to the Fair Labors Standard Act when you have a salaried employed also being paid hourly. The proposed ordinance rescinds that amendment. The Mayor wanted to make sure the department heads were somewhat compensated in return. Under section 2 bumps up all the department heads salary for calendar 2009 by \$1000.00, and rescinds the emergency call back compensation. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2009-01, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2009-01, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Council member Eric Storm said he had a complaint about loud music at McDonald's. Police Chief Curt Blount stated that he has not had any complaints. He will have his night shift check. The new management has been very cooperative.

Council member Jim Mann asked about all the brush in town. The Street Department is working to get it all cleaned up.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer